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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING DISC HERNIATION AND  
PREVENTING THE EXTRUSION OF INTERBODY BONE GRAFT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 24, 2003, enclosed herewith is the CLAIM AMENDMENTS section of the previously filed Amendment for the above-referenced application. As instructed, Applicant has included the text of withdrawn claims 1-11.

Respectfully submitted,

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